

Subject: Indian Peace medal.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Savannah,

Georgia.

Sept 20th

Numismatic Society: 1926.

156th St. and Broadway,
New York.

Dear Sir: The enclosed sketch

is a crude copy of a very
interesting old Silver Medal
found many years ago, it
was found near an old
Saw Mill in Appling County
Georgia, and the owner

is anxious to dispose of it. If
you can give me some information,
also the value of it, you will
greatly oblige,

Yours sincerely
(Miss) Helen Lyons.

115. East Liberty Street,
Savannah, Georgia.

September 22nd, 1926

Miss Helen Lyons
115, East Liberty Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of September 20th, we are interested in the old silver medal, of which you sent a drawing. We might like to purchase it if we could come to satisfactory terms with the owner.

These old medale have no fixed value and are worth just what the purchaser is willing to give and the smallest for which the owner would sell. Our experience in the past has been that unless the seller has some idea of what the piece is worth, it is useless to enter negotiations. Therefore, without committing the owner, could you give us some approximation of the amount at which this particular piece is valued.

If there is a likelihood of our Society purchasing this piece, we should wish to have it sent here for examination before making a decision.

Very truly yours,

Curator

October 13, 1926

Miss Helen Lyons,
115, East Liberty Street,
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Madam:

I have been hoping to hear from you concerning that old silver medal you wrote me about on September 20th. Have you found out anything more about this from the owner?

As I wrote you in the previous letter, it is rather hard to fix a price on something that has no fixed market value. Again, owners of curios and other old objects for the most part have an exalted idea of their value. If we can get some indication from you whether these people value it at, say, \$25 or \$50, or what, we can then enter into proper negotiations. We can find absolutely nothing tangible as to what others have paid for medals like this.

Trusting to hear from you, I remain

Yours very truly,

November 22, 1926

Miss Helen Lyons,
115, East Liberty Street,
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Madam:

I am sorry that we have not heard from you as we would very much like to see that old medal you wrote about. Can it not be sent up here so we can examine it? We will then be able to make an intelligent offer. We wish you would answer our letter as we would like to have some idea of just what your party values this medal at.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

January 19, 1927

Miss Helen Lyons,
115 East Liberty St.,
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Madam:

A while ago a man was into our Museum,
and stated he knew you and had seen the Washington
Medal you have and had advised you to write us. I
told him the whole story and said how we were unable
to get any reply from you and suggested that he write
you and have the medal sent to him so he could show
it to us.

We omitted to get his name and if he has
not already written to you, why not send me the medal
and I see no reason in the world why we could not come
to some terms.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

January 31, 1927

Miss Helen Lyons,
115 East Liberty St.,
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Since my last letter to you I have talked with one of our members, who has made a specialty of the kind of medals that you have a specimen of and he is anxious to obtain this copy. He has authorized me to make you an offer of \$300.00 for it, of course, subject to his inspection.

I do not know whether you will have it or have sent it up to your friend in New York.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

February 2nd 1927.

The American Numismatic Society.
New York.

Dear Sirs: A few weeks ago, I sent
the medallion you speak of, to
Mr L. C. Farrar, of New York to
dispose of, kindly let me know
if he called, and did you
make an offer of [#]75.00 for it?
I regret very much not being
able to come to terms with
your recent letter. Would you be
interested, or know of any one who

might like to purchase two old
paintings of Van Mlycks. The originals
are in Brussels, but I have the Photographs
and will be glad to send them for
inspection.

Sincerely yours -

(Miss) Helen Lyons.

115. East Liberty St.

Savannah. Georgia

February 4, 1927

Miss Helen Lyons,
115 East Liberty Street,
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Since our last letter to you we found that the Indian Peace Medal had been sold to a dealer at the price we had offered for it. Now that the whole thing is over, it might be best to say nothing, but we are somewhat aggrieved over the state of affairs.

As you may know, we wrote you three letters without receiving a reply. These letters were written with the best intentions. We thought that we had shown you that we were interested in the piece. Being a Museum, it is very hard to purchase things without submitting to our officers some sort of a price demanded. I think it was some time in December a man called here and told us about this medal. We took it up very carefully with him, that as we had been unable to get in contact with you, we would appreciate it if he could have the medal sent to him and then bring it to us. Since our first letters to you, we had spoken to several about this medal and had some basis to work upon. We told this man that as near as we could judge, the medal was worth at any time \$100 and that we, after seeing the piece, might be prepared to offer \$150, but until we did see the piece, we really did not feel like giving any figures. We omitted to get his name. After that we talked with one of our members who showed a decided interest in it, which accounts for our last two letters.

We feel your friend, Mr. Farrar, was extremely negligent in not showing us this medal because if he had, we were then prepared to make him a much better offer than we understand he got. We are inclined to think that he made use of our figures to sell the medal elsewhere. The man that originally came here called us up and said that the medal had been sold, but he had nothing to do with selling it.

We are absolutely out of touch with pictures and although there are many art dealers in this town, do not feel we could advise you to whom to write.

Very truly yours,